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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON KOREA

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED AUGUST 1 ON REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI WILL CARRY MESSAGE CONCERNING NORTH KOREA.

2. QUOTE:

QUESTION: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE REPORT THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI WILL BE BRINGING A MESSAGE THAT NORTH KOREA WANTS TO OPEN DIRECT CONTACTS WITH THE U.S.?

3. ANSWER: WE HAVE ONLY SEEN PRESS REPORTS ON THIS. FROM THE ACCOUNTS IN THE PRESS OF REMARKS MADE BY A JAPANESE DIET MEMBER WHO RECENTLY VISITED NORTH KOREA, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE NORTH KOREAN

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POSITION. AS A GENERAL POINT, WE BELIEVE THE ISSUES OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM MUST BE SETTLED BY THE REPUBLIC OF

KOREA AND NORTH KOREA THEMSELVES. I WOULD ALSO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA WE HAVE INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED NATIONS. OUR PROPOSAL EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND THE WILLINGNESS OF THE U.S. AND THE ROK TO MEET WITH THE OTHER SIDE. WE HOPE THAT NORTH KOREA

AND OTHERS WILL RESPOND IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER TO OUR DRAFT RESOLUTION.

4. QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT THE JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH KIM IL-SUNG ON HIS RECENT TRIP ABROAD?

5. ANSWER: THESE REPORTS ARE FALSE.  
END QUOTE.

6. IN REPLY TO QUESTION AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID WE HAD ONLY SEEN PRESS REPORTS AND THAT WE SAW NO INDICATION OF CHANGE IN NORTH KOREA POSITION. HE ADDED THAT WE BELIEVE KOREAN ISSUES MUST BE SETTLED BY NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA THEMSELVES. INGERSOLL

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